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**MOTION TO SUPPORT SB 1677 (KNIGHT) -- COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
ACCEPTANCE OF STORM DRAINS (ITEM NO. 2, AGENDA OF APRIL 13, 2004)**

This memo is a revised version of Item No.2 on the Agenda of April 13, 2004. The original analysis assumed that SB 1677 had been amended.

Item No. 2 on the April 13, 2004 Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Antonovich to send a five-signature letter indicating the Board's support of SB 1677 (Knight) to the Governor, the Speaker, the Senate Pro Tem, the Minority Leaders in both houses, and the County's Legislative Delegation.

SB 1677 would amend the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, to allow the Flood Control District (District) to accept the transfer of a storm drain improvement or drainage system from a city, or a private party, without action by the Board. Currently, such a transfer requires a four-fifths vote by the Board. The bill would also allow acceptance of a drain that is outside of the boundaries of the District if the drain benefits property within the District. Current law requires the Board to levy a special tax to pay for the maintenance and operation of transferred drains. This bill would change that language, so that the Board may levy a special tax for these purposes.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) has worked with County Counsel to develop amendments to SB 1677 which would:

- further clarify and streamline the administrative process for transferring drains; and
- reduce the potential for litigation and liability for the District.

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DPW indicates SB 1677 would expedite the transfer of storm drains and that the recommended amendments will bring this law into conformance with similar laws relating to roads. **Therefore, DPW recommends that the County support SB 1677 if it is amended, and we concur.**

The City of Santa Clarita is sponsoring this bill.

SB 1677 was introduced on February 20, 2004. It is scheduled for a hearing by the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee on April 20, 2004.

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